

Oxford Democrat.

The thing was kept perfectly snug, while, by means of the funds furnished by our bank, which was capable of expanding like an empty bladder, we proceeded quietly to purchase all

Be this as it may, these two mischievous humbugs caused a sudden reversion in the flood-side of my affairs. The dunderheaded people, mean the big paved Farmers, and the hard- and Mechanics and Laborers, began once more to recall to mind those demoralizing substitutes for paper money, silver and gold which are well denominated in the Scriptures the root

This equitable adjustment of our affairs placed me on the very pinnacle of prosperity. I paid all my debts to the people, and might now have sat down in the enjoyment of a quiet conscience, amid unbounded wealth, but the truth obliged me to go further. I engaged for a single hundred thousand dollars, to make up two millions, and unfortunately opportunity seemed to present itself in the nick of time.—I had a particular friend, one to whom I had done business for years past, who regularly got to windward of two or three times a year; but with all this the fellow crept along prosperously by some inconceivable means beyond my comprehension. There are

on the face of the earth, except paper-
money, and as soon as prices declined I be-
came to all intents and purposes "a lame duck,"
it is unnecessary to enter into details, as I
do not intend to record my descent, but my
position. Suffice it to say, that the vile per-
secutions and egregious blunders of our outland-
ish Administration at length brought me to a
"spension," that being the genteel phrase for
what we use to call bankruptcy. And here I
pause a moment to observe on the truth of
the Conservative theory, that my Credit Sys-
tem is the pillar of all that is pure and refined
in human society. In nothing is more striking-

SHARP PAINS.—A physician attending a man with inflammatory rheumatism, reports he was some part of the time suffering with such sharp pains, that those who attempted to turn him in his bed were severely cut in hands and arms.

THE CONSERVATIVE BRANCH OF THE OPPOSITION.

We copy the following faithful portrait of conservatism and its leader from the Bangor Democrat. The city of Bangor—the seat of mad speculation, is at the same time the seat of conservatism. The leaders are and will be known in the annals of this State as the most desperate and reckless of land speculators, and the present holders of city lots. These are they who in '86 thronged the lobbies and filled the avenues to the State Legislature with petitions and requests for Bank, Rail Road, and Rock Company charters. To this selfish and mercenary class are we indebted for the most of the special legislation which has resulted from our democratic legislatures. Self-aggrandisement was their only object; and now that they can no longer hold the strings of the public purse or assume the direction and dictation of all the legislation for their own use and behoof, they affect disgust at the course which the democratic party in obedience to their principle are earnest in pursuing.

Conservatives truly! They would conserve to themselves and themselves alone, honor and emolument. They have democracy on their lips while their hearts are far from its teachings and still farther from its influence. The THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER are more valuable in their estimation than "equal laws and equal rights."

The question has been asked, what will this new coalition of restless spirits and deserters from all parties do during the present canvass, and at the approaching election?

They will do all their feeble ability will permit—rally upon a third candidate, entangle in their folds, under false pretences and by deception as many honest men as possible, attempt to defeat the candidates of the people, after which the leaders, or more properly the leader, intends to sell out the vote of the people to the Kent party proper, to the best possible advantage, as he avowed he intended to do in the Eastern Republican of the 26th June.

Who is the leader of this clique of Democratic Republican Conservative Federal Whigs? John Hodgdon, President of the Mercantile Bank, of Bangor, and the editor of the Eastern Republican, who has called three conventions to be held in Bangor, on the 19th of July, to oppose the destructive measures of the Administration.

And who is John Hodgdon, and what does he want?

He is rather a harmless man, who has been vastly overrated on account of his assumed gravity and wisdom, between whom and the people there was a slight, a very small difference of opinion last year. He had the vanity to think himself a suitable man for Governor, but the people (stupid dolts!) differed with him in opinion, and never gave him one solitary vote, either in State Convention or at the polls. Because the people presumed to oppose him last year he has determined upon signal retaliation by opposing them this year.

How will he do this?

He will open a rendezvous and enlist the odds and ends, the disaffected and disappointed of all parties, and next winter trade away his squad to Mr. Kent on the best terms he can obtain.

Has he any political strength?

None personally—very little through others. His unrestrained ambition has "overleaped itself," and left him in a horizontal position, gasping for breath, but still with his "dagger of lath" pointed at the people for their cruel oppression and unpardonable neglect.

Has he ever supported the National Administration?

Yes—while he was fed with the public money—had the Surplus Revenue in his bank, and the patronage of government to bolster up his credit. But being a warm advocate of a "well regulated credit system," his bank suspended specie payments, to show the people what sort of a credit system he supports. He has now found out that the measures of the administration are terribly destructive.

Did he support the candidate of the Democratic party last year?

No.

Why?

Because he was not the candidate for Governor.

Let him go—he would rule or ruin—he is selfish, mercenary and reckless, and just the person to get up and lead off a faction, and to have the command of a corps of Swiss Guards. Who will the Democratic Republican Conservative Federal Whigs nominate as a third candidate for Governor?

It is of little consequence. Benj. Shaw, the editor of the Frankfort Intelligencer, in whom the citizens of his own town have resolved they have no confidence, would be an appropriate nomination, but from motives of policy, not principle, some other person will probably be selected.

How many votes can the Conservatives throw in this State?

That depends altogether upon the extent of the disaffection in the federal party proper. The Conservative faction cannot throw two hundred; perhaps the entire flag-end of the federal party may throw five hundred votes.

At any rate the Democratic Republican Conservative Federal Whigs cannot get half as many votes as were thrown for the anti-masonic candidate in 1834, when the democracy obtained a signal victory over Sprague and the anti-candidate.

Who are the Democratic Republican Conservative Federal Whigs in favor of, for the next Presidency?

Henry Clay. They openly avow their preference for him, and some of the indiscreet and

noisy ones want to bet that the National Administration is down? and that Henry Clay will be the next President.

Do the Conservatives oppose the measures of the Administration generally, or only one, the Independent Treasury measure?

They first pretended to oppose only the Independent Treasury measure, but they now oppose the Administration in every important particular.

Are they National Bank men?

Yes. They publicly avow it.

In favor of ship-plasters and bank-plasters, and the postponement of a resumption of specie payments by the banks?

Yes. Being principally Bank Presidents, Directors and Stockholders, their interest settles the question.

In what important particular do the conservatives differ from the other branch of the opposition?

There is little or no difference in principle—and but slight difference as to men, and this only for the purpose of accumulating political capital, by deceiving the unwary in order to drive a better bargain when the leaders sell out to Kent, and dispose of men like cattle in the market, for the benefit of a handful of disappointed men.

Both branches of the opposition, then, are engaged in a common cause, and play into each other's hands?

Most certainly. The Conservative notices of meetings, and attacks upon the Administration appear in organs of both branches of the opposition. Portland Advertiser and Bangor Whig defend the conservatives and call them good independent fellows, and the Augusta correspondent of the Eastern Republican last winter, the then acting Land Agent, and now chief clerk in that office was especially valorous in abusing the democratic members of the legislature and commending the men and cause of the federal party proper. The Advertiser, the Whig and Republican are now "cheek by jowl."

Is there any doubt about Mr. Fairfield's election?

It is morally certain that he will be elected, if the democracy discharge their duty. Our party was never better united never in better spirits, or more firmly resolved to give the "long pull, the strong pull, and the pull altogether." Sectional divisions, heart-burnings and differences about men, have been laid aside or winked out of sight, and common feeling animates all hearts, to restore the democratic ascendancy in the State.

FEDERAL EFFORTS.

The Evening Journal announces that a large edition of the extra Jeffersonian, containing the ponderous speech of Mr. Bond, of Ohio, has been printed, and will be delivered to order. The same speech has already been published in about every federal newspaper with which we exchange (and their name is legion) and has been disseminated, by means, from Washington at the public expense. The object of the effort is, to convict the late and present administrations of extravagant expenditures. The mode of argument is very "wiggish" indeed; not only is truth suppressed, but falsehood is largely inserted. The annual appropriations under the administration of Messrs Adams and Clay are contrasted with those of the last two or three years; but it forms no part of the design to allude to the unavoidable but extravagant expenditure for Indian removals and Indian wars—to the fact that thirty thousand pensioners have been added to those supported by the government, by laws, the justice of which no one disputes—to the new organization of the patent office, and the greatly increased duties imposed on that office by a law of Congress—or to the natural and necessary augmentation of the expenses of government arising from the extension of our population over an immense region of hitherto unoccupied territory.

Still less would it comport with the design of this federal missile to show by whose votes the large expenditures have been authorized; or to exhibit the estimates and recommendations of the Executive departments compared with the appropriation bills as passed by Congress. We quote the language of the Globe on this subject: "Is it not the most extraordinary sample of effrontery ever afforded by the desperate and reckless opposition, which have from the beginning made war on the government by attacking its finances, to impute the extraordinary dissipation of the public money, which their own policy and their votes have produced, to the administration, which has resisted them at every step? They do not pretend that the estimates laid before Congress, and the appropriations asked by the departments, have been extravagant. They cannot, because they have not only sanctioned them by their votes, but they have gone beyond them, and by carrying off a few friends of the administration, from peculiar interests, to join them in new and special appropriations, pushed the actual expenditure far beyond the recommendations of the Executive. And this is not all. The federal party, at every session, have proposed enormous additional appropriations, for which they could not get even a squad of the friends of the administration to vote, and which they were thus foiled in passing—and yet this prodigal party, whose principle is extravagance and taxation, and whose schemes have been the ruin of the administration, by forcing its policy upon it, talks of economy! and would hold the democracy, which as a body, has resisted their waste, responsible for the disorders which they, through their great Bank and their intrigues and management in Congress, have entailed on the country."

But the main design of the clamor raised by the "irredeemables," in their new-born zeal

for "public economy," is to divert the public attention from the great issue before the country, between the funding scheme of Alexander Hamilton, (which includes a National Debt as well as a National Bank) and the Constitutional Treasury and unembarrassed trade advocated by the democracy, under which industry would be ensured its reward, and commerce prosper, in an unfluctuating career. Let their misrepresentations on other subjects be duly answered, but let not the vitally important question of Bank or No Bank, be lost sight of for a moment in the fog which they purposely create with that view.—Albany Argus.

OUTRAGEOUS ABUSE OF OFFICIAL POWER BY A FEDERAL DEPUTY SHERIFF!

Few, very few, are fully aware of the tremendous exertions which are being made in every way imaginable, by the Federal party—particularly the Office holders—to carry the State, at the next election. Every influence that can be brought to bear upon an individual—whether it be flattery, bribery, threats, compulsion, or oppression—is exerted to the fullest extent, and in the most unscrupulous manner. In proof of this, we will state a fact which was communicated to us a few days since, by a gentleman whose veracity is unquestionable. It is this:

A Federal Deputy Sheriff, in this county had an Execution, not long since, against two men who belonged to the Democratic party. It was inconvenient for them to pay it, when first called upon, and they asked for lenity during the life of the Execution. The Deputy refused to grant it; but told them that if they would come over to the Whig side, he would show them lenity—otherwise he should give them none, but immediately sell their property at auction! The Democrats would not sell their principles for a mess of pottage, and the property of one of them was accordingly sold—the Deputy taking an amount of fees which may be referred to hereafter.

This is but one, we doubt not, of the hundred instances of this nature which have occurred, and will occur between now and September; but it is amply sufficient to show the manner in which the Federalists are using and abusing the little brief authority which they have accidentally acquired. Will the honest portion of even the Federal party approve of and sanction such detestable means to secure the ascendancy of that party? We trust not. Will the Democracy of this County and of the States suffer their Federal opponents to thus trample upon their rights, and endeavor to grind them to the dust, without making one powerful and mighty effort to free themselves from such Federal Goths and Vandals? Time will show.

Dare the Federal Tory Somerset Journal deny the truth of the above statement?

THE PEOPLE PAY. We understand that a person by the name of Adams, under the pay of the State, as it is said, for the ostensible purpose of looking up settlers and attending to other matters connected with the Land Office, is scouring about the country organizing and drilling the federal party, and distributing the Office Holders Organ, alias Voice of the People, and other electioneering documents, such as "P. O. J. Smith's Letter to his Constituents."

By this we suppose that the fund of \$75,000, obtained by Col. Dumont of the Massachusetts federalists to re-elect Mr. Kent, is nearly exhausted; if it were not so, undoubtedly our opponents would in this case have drawn upon that fund, and would not have presumed to pay their agent and spy, with the people's money [Bangor Dem.]

BOSTON FUNDS.

The federal papers are excellent at crying "Mad Dog!" Having ascertained that the people of this State feel deeply to resent the effort now making to buy them over to federalism with funds furnished for that purpose by the aristocracy of Boston, they have got up a story that contributions have been levied in Boston for the democratic party, and that they passed into our hands for distribution through the State. The whole story is false—there is not a word of truth in it, nor the slightest circumstance on which to found it. But it is not so, in relation to the funds of the federal party. Contributions for the aid of that party in Maine, have openly and unblushingly been levied in Boston, and the fact is susceptible of proof. The Waldo Patriot, a federal paper published at Belfast was in part got up on, and is still sustained by funds raised by the Boston Aristocracy, on which "black mail" to the amount of thousands of dollars more will be levied during the campaign. A distinguished federalist in Boston, in view of certain efforts made there, recently expressed his entire conviction that his political friends would elect a member of Congress in Cumberland District—he thought it "impossible" that the democracy could withstand the appliances put in requisition to defeat them. The result of the election will show how erroneously he judged, and that in 1838, as in 1834, the democracy, not only of Cumberland, but of the State, will come out of the contest victorious. Eastern Argus.

Hon. James K. Paulding, of New-York, has been appointed, by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, Secretary of the Navy, in the place of Hon. Mahlon Dickenson, resigned. Mr. P. is creditably known to the country as the popular author of some interesting novels. The appointment is commended by the men of all parties, as an excellent one.—Saco Democrat.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

Paris, July 17, 1838.

Democratic Republican Nomination.

FOR GOVERNOR.

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

Democratic Conventions.

A Democratic Convention for the County of Oxford will be held at the Court House in Paris in said County on WEDNESDAY the EIGHTH day of AUGUST next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Senators, and County Treasurer for the ensuing political year.

A Democratic Convention for Oxford Congressional District will be held at the same place at one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent this District in the next Congress of the United States.

It is requested that each town entitled to a Representative in the State Legislature should send two delegates to the Convention, and that each delegate should be accompanied by a planter or other person of the same town and county.

By order of the County Committee.

June 11, 1838.

They take but a superficial view of the present political contest, who think that the dispute is about a particular measure or men. Even the question of "bank or no bank" apart from the consequences that would hereafter result from the triumph of the Bank power, is of little comparative importance. It is a war of principle. The lasting prosperity of the great body of the people, and the existence of our democratic institutions are at stake. By suffering the power to pass into the hands of the aristocracy of wealth, by chartering their fifty million bank, the country would not be impoverished at least at present. The wealth that now exists would still remain. The sufferings of the people would arise from its unequal distribution. The rich uniting power to wealth and sustained in their schemes of aggrandisement by a deluded people would be enabled to absorb the energies and monopolize the property of the great mass of the community, so that we should soon see those distinctions in society prevailing here which in older countries have descended to the present generation from the darkness of the feudal ages. It is true that the present tendency of our laws and institutions is opposed to the introduction or establishment of such a state of things nor would our people submit to it at present.

The poison which is to corrupt our system must in order to be successful be introduced slowly and cautiously so as not to alarm the fears or excite the distrust of the people. The present is most emphatically a contest between the principles of the old federal and democratic parties. The genius of our institutions and the spirit of our people are essentially democratic, and therefore, a triumph of the aristocracy can be but temporary. It can last only long enough for the people to see how little their practice agrees with their professions. Their contempt of the people and their hatred of what they term the lower class is continually manifesting itself, in spite of the warning of prudence and the sense of dependence upon the votes and support of this same class.

Nothing but the unpopularity of the principles and the narrow, selfish and illiberal spirit, aiming only at wealth and power, which actuates the federal party, prevents their acquiring or retaining the confidence of the people. They have wealth to tempt the unprincipled and to influence the indifferent politician, talents to gloss over a false cause and misrepresent all the measures of their opponents, and even to delude their followers into the belief that they alone possess wisdom and virtue enough to govern the country. It is a proud reflection to the patriot that notwithstanding all this, the majority remain fixed and immovable in the principles of democracy.

The federalists are beginning to perceive that their conduct during the brief space they have had the power in this State has not been such as to entitle them to the confidence and support of the people. Their great folly the North Eastern Boundary they have ridden as far as they think it safe or prudent. They are disposed to stable their steed for the present. The contingency has arrived under which Gov. Kent was to run the boundary line, and now they begin to think that the less said on that subject the better. They therefore hope now to gull the people with boasting of what they will do if the people will trust them with the power a few years longer. The official in this State says, "Let the Whigs have the power, long enough to accomplish something and we will be bound that they will not exhibit such a leggy account of empty boxes." We have no doubt that if they could have the power long enough they would fill their pockets and "boxes" too out of the earnings of the people. They may safely indulge in boasts of what they would do if the people will trust them with the power a little longer. They will not be brought to the test. We can only judge of what they would probably do if they could, by our experience of their past conduct, and this has not been such as to induce the people to trust them again.

The desperation of the federalists is manifested by their mode of electioneering. They distrust the virtue and intelligence of the people, or rather fear lest they know too much to be duped by their hollow-hearted professions. They seem to think that an electioneering campaign cannot be carried out without a large supply of money, but as the people are a little suspicious of this mode of conducting business, it is not thought prudent that the fact should be generally known. Hence the exposure of the account mined by them to be used in this State to influence the coming election has excited a good deal of commotion among the leaders. When fairly caught they attempt to elude exposure by crying stop thief. If their object is to render themselves ridiculous as well as base they are likely to succeed.

FEDERAL ELECTIONEERING.

We have heard of some instances of electioneering by federal agents, that ought to cover with infamy any party that authorized or sanctioned them. Bribery, corruption and intimidation are freely resorted to. Money is freely offered by those who it is well known have no surplus funds of their own to dispose of. We are informed that a poor democrat was recently offered by one of their agents five dollars in money and a further supply of his necessities if it should be needed between this and election, if he would vote the federal ticket. Though destitute of the means of buying bread for his family, he replied to the tempting offer that he would beg or starve first. The agent who made this offer it is well known has not money of his own in such abundance as to be able to give five dollars for a single vote.—Comment on such conduct is needless.

From the Portland Standard.

CONGRESS. The bill for the increase of the Army has passed Congress since our last. In the Senate Mr. Buchanan's special deposit scheme (published in our last) was adopted as an amendment to Mr. Webster's bill, and the bill was finally rejected, by a vote, ayes 21, noes 29—of our Senators Mr. Williams voted for and Mr. Ruggles against the bill. In the Senate on Monday July 2d, Mr. Wright's bill repealing the deposit law and intending thereby to restore the act of 1783, was taken up on its third reading. It passed ayes 27, noes 22.—Mr. Williams from Maine voted for, and Mr.

Ruggles against it. Before the vote was taken,

Mr. CALHOUN said, I rise to explain the views I entertain in relation to this bill, and the grounds on which I intend to place my vote.

It was my misfortune not to have heard the discussion on Saturday, when the bill was introduced; having been detained from my seat by an engagement with which I could not dispense.

It is far from being agreeable to me to be compelled so often to disagree with those with whom I act on the important subject which has engrossed so much of our time; and I regret that another question should arise on which I shall again be compelled to differ, without reversing the dictates of my deliberate judgment.

If the effects of the passage of this bill would be, as it seems, to be supposed, to restore the act of 1789, no one would give it a more cordial support than myself. That act established the Constitutional Treasury. It provided that the dues of the Government should be collected in its own currency, as established by law under the Constitution, and kept and disbursed by its own responsible officers, regularly appointed for the purpose.

This is the great principle for which I contend and which, for the good of the country, I would rejoice to see restored. But I fear that the passage of this bill would not re-establish the act of '89. There are intermediate acts that would still remain unexpurgated. The resolution of 1816, which authorizes the receipt of bank notes in the public dues, would not be repealed; nor would the usage of the Government employing banks as depositaries of the public revenue be reversed. What, then, would be the effects of the passage of this bill? It would, according to my opinion, give the President almost unlimited power over the collection and keeping of the revenue. If the act of '86 be repealed, as proposed by the bill, he would be left free to order the public money to be kept by the treasurer and the collectors, or to be placed in banks; and under the resolution of '16, in conjunction with the bill introduced by the Senator from Mass. this session, and which has since become a law by the unanimous vote of those on the other side of the chamber he may order, at his pleasure, the collection to be made in gold and silver, or bank notes, provided no discrimination be made in different branches of the revenue. He might in a word, either restore the act of '89, or supersede it, as he might think best for the public good. It is, sir, a great and high responsibility to be imposed on any individual, and which I, who am, and have ever been, opposed to discretionary power, am unwilling to impose.

But should the bill become a law, and the Chief Magistrate, in the exercise of this high discretion, should supersede the practice of putting the public funds in possession of the banks and restore the act of 1789, he shall receive my decided and cordial support. A departure from the true intention and meaning of that act, has been the source of all our woes; and its restriction is a consummation devoutly to be wished; but on the other hand, if he should decline the exercise of so high and responsible a power, and renew the deposit system, it would make a most unfortunate and dangerous change in the issue between us and those who are opposed to us on this important question.—

It would be no longer between a bank and the constituted Treasury as it now is; but between a deposit system with and without law, as it was prior to the passage of the deposit act of '86 in which our opponents would have the advantage of advocating law against discretion.—

It is a position which we could not maintain, and on which I do not choose to be put.

What course the Chief Magistrate might take if this bill should become a law, I have no means of knowing or conjecturing; but if he should act in the spirit of his messages at the opening of this and the extra sessions, he would not hesitate, be the responsibility what it may; and as I have no reason to doubt his sincerity on this great question, I hope and trust he would so act, should Congress give him the power.—

It would close the door against many a calamity about to rush into the State, and do more than has ever been done by an Executive act to restore the ascendancy of the laws and Constitution. But be his determination what it may, I cannot agree to vote for the bill. My principles have been long fixed and acted on in relation to discretionary power; and in voting against this measure, I act in conformity to them.

This bill as it came from the Senate has since been rejected in the House by a vote of 119 to 100. An amendment to the bill was subsequently offered by Mr. Curtis of N. York, (exactly the same as Mr. Webster offered in the Senate) to remove the five dollar restriction, as it is called, and allow the receipt of notes of specie paying banks, although they may have issued notes of a denomination less than 5 dollars.—This amendment was adopted by a large majority, and the bill as amended, passed by a vote of 173 to 34. It was sent up to the Senate and Mr. Wright moved to concur in the amendments of the House, and the Senate concurred, ayes 29, noes 17. Congress was to adjourn yesterday.

From the Portland Standard.

Mr. Allen, in his able and eloquent speech in the U. S. Senate on the Sub-Treasury bill, states that the U. S. Bank loaned, in the year 1830 to fifty-two members of Congress \$192,000—in 1831 to fifty-nine members \$322,000—in 1832, when the Bank asked for a re-charter, its loans to members of Congress amounted to \$478,766. In four years, it loan-

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The nomination of Mr. FAIRFAX to the late Convention, is gratifying to the friends of the Union in this section; it is just what it should be, and it is the very man—so says every democrat they will say so in September next, and will be elected in spite of the opposition of office holders, and expectants of office, and of Bank influence and all the power that

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UPPER CANADA.---We find the following in the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser of the 26th. If the statements are true, we have a part of the frontier at rest for a season.

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BY
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Rumford Falls, June 1st. 1838.

